



Knerdy Knitters of the SFV

Minutes of the Sept.26, 2016, Guild Business and Membership Meetings

Held at the Burbank Police & Fire Department, 200 N. Third St., Burbank, CA 91502

Approved Jan. 23, 2017

- I. **Membership Meeting Call to Order:** President Tammy Takahashi called the membership meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., Monday, Sept. 26, 2016. (The membership meeting was held first to allow Treasurer Sarah Smith time to get to the meeting.)

II. Roll Call

Members present:

Tammy Takahashi, President
Sarah Smith, Treasurer
Jeannette Hartman, Secretary
Nicole Briggs
Lydia Cowger

Anastasia McGee
Deb Mobley-Burns
Andrea Smith
Rita Smith
Virginia Van Osdel, DDS

Nonmembers present:

Lynne Palmer

III. Events and Projects

- A. LA County Fair volunteer report: Nine Knerdy Knitters submitted 42 entries to the fair this year. Eight entries won first place blue ribbons and Ginny Mateen's shawl knit from yarn she spun herself won "Best of Show."

The consensus of volunteers at the two weekends that the Knerdy Knitters staffed the fair's DIY Studio was that it was fun and gratifying. Virginia said her day was "busy, fun and the students were very excited to learn how to knit or crochet so it was gratifying." Lydia described it as "cool, fun, hot." The fair staff was helpful and accommodating. Tammy noted that most of the materials on hand were decorative (a small amount of yarn wrapped around a ball, for example), so we need to ask about having more materials on hand or bring yarn with us. There was a vase full of knitting needles in the studio.

Tammy said that she would be picking up fair entries on Sept. 27, and anyone was welcome to join her. She'll bring the entries to the Saturday Stitches on Oct. 1.

- B. Crochet-Along: Anastasia reported that the October pattern is the Floral Dimension Square and the November/December patterns will be “choose your own adventure.” Two patterns were requested, but one costs \$4 to buy and the other requires attention to gauge as it doesn’t become a square until the end. A workshop for the fifth Monday of January is planned to teach how to put a crocheted border on a knitted or crocheted afghan.
- C. Knit-Along: Sarah reported the September/October patterns are posted on Ravelry.com at http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/search#pattern-topic=3328212&photo=yes&sort=created_&view=thumbs. Both involve cables. One is the Honeycomb pattern and the other the Banyan Tree Practice Dishcloth Afghan Square.
- D. Fifth Monday of October: There will be no workshop as this day falls on Halloween.

IV. **New Business:**

- A. Feedback on venue change: The guild meeting was held at the Burbank Police Department for the first time. Those present were positive about it because it allowed members to sit at tables arranged in a U-shape so it was easy to see everyone. It also was quiet, easy to hear people speak and has good parking behind the building.
- B. Weaving and Fiber Festival (WeFF), Nov. 6: : Sponsored by the Southern California Handweavers’ Guild, WeFF offers more than 30 fiber-related vendors, a fashion show, raffle, demonstrations, exhibits and sales of guild members’ work from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. Admission is \$6 (cash only) and parking is free. For additional information or a flyer, go to <http://www.schg.org/index.php?page=annual-weaving-and-fiber-festival-weff>.

Tammy said that Knerdy Knitters traditionally stake out space near the front and cheer wildly for raffle winners, fashion show participants and others called out for attention. She gave a heads up that last year the food truck ran out of water and food quickly, so it might be wise to bring your own snacks and water. The organizers are planning to return to box lunch-style food.

- C. Newsletter update: The October *Swift* will focus on photography tips and the Los Angeles County Fair. The November issue will include an article on gifts for people who knit or crochet. Suggestions for the gift article are welcome as are suggestions for future issues. A short survey about whether you think you are a process knitter/crocheter or a project knitter/crocheter was passed out.
- D. Gift bags: Virginia worked her mojo to get the 2016-17 membership gift bags for \$260 instead of the \$300 that the web site initially was going to charge. The bags are scheduled for delivery on Oct. 10. If you want to pre-pay your membership renewal to get your bag early, you may do so. Talk to Sarah so it can be properly recorded.
- E. Holiday Party pricing / spending: Tammy said that she had contacted the Holiday Inn in Burbank, 150 E. Angeleno Ave., about holding our holiday party there as we have the past

two years. She said that they have a new manager and better food and were excited about having us. She has made a tentative reservation for Dec. 3; we will have to pay a \$100 deposit in November. The event runs from 6 to 9 p.m. The room will accommodate up to 30 people in an alcove off the dining room. It's larger than the area where we held the WIPS, Chains and Stash Exchange party at Gordon Biersch.

Traditionally, the guild has provided nonalcoholic beverages and appetizers. Members may purchase drinks and dinner. We must spend an average of \$15 per person to make the minimum required by the hotel. If we don't, the guild will make up the difference.

In 2015, the tickets for the event were \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers for advance "early bird" rates; and \$15 for members and \$20 for nonmembers at the door. We have budgeted \$350 for the event.

It includes a fashion show, raffles with everyone being a winner. Tiaras and tuxes are optional.

- V. **Membership Meeting Adjournment.** Tammy adjourned the business meeting at 7:50 p.m.
- VI. **Business Meeting Call to Order:** Tammy called the guild's membership meeting to order at 7:52 p.m.
- VII. **Approval of Minutes:** Sarah moved, and Jeannette seconded, a motion to approve the Aug. 22, 2016, business meeting minutes; the motion carried. Anastasia moved, and Virginia seconded, a motion to approve the Aug. 22, 2016, membership meeting minutes, which also carried.
- VIII. **Finance Report:** The guild currently has \$1,198.77 in its checking account. Tammy submitted \$4 in income from the sale of Stash Exchange leftover yarn at her recent garage sale.
- IX. **Show and Tell:**
- a. Rita Smith: Baby shoes. She has joined a church knitting group that works on items for premature babies or homeless people. She is planning to focus on baby items.
 - b. Andrea Smith: A red and white striped crocheted blanket for herself.
 - c. Anastasia: A completed Floral Dimension square, her Little Coffee Bean baby sweater that switches color every two rows; the first of two Scoreboard Scarves from Knit Purl Hunter, which is in Ohio State colors and going to be more than six-feet long and the beginning of a BB8. Additionally, the Sherlock blanket she was commissioned to do is now on display in the Sherlock living room at Geeky Teas.
 - d. Sarah: A Calla shawl done in Mrs. Crosby's Carpet Bag yarn, a wool and silk blend.
 - e. Tammy: Just starting a DROPS 107-18 sleeveless dress pattern that she's planning to do in color blocks of deep purple, black, pink and lavender. She's also working on a shawl of her own design and made a baby sweater in blue, pink and white. The yarn for the baby sweater was intended for something else, but just cried to be made into a baby sweater. She currently has no baby to give it to, but is confident there will be one eventually.

- f. Virginia: A Fiesta Yarns Ballet shawl in watercolor-like shades and a shawl in yarn that graduates from white to black and tones in between. She was also wearing a tank top that she had been working on at an earlier guild meeting.
- g. Jeannette: Her first crocheted project, a pink pocket with a flap that buttons.
- h. Nicole: placemats using a pattern from the book, *One More Skein*.
- i. Lynne: starting her holiday knitting with a coffee mug cosy.
- j. Lydia: A shawl in a nectarine-colored fiber made of corn and cotton; a Mesa tunic in Ironstone; a Frosted Fall Leaves scarf in Preston alpaca and Angel by Debbie Bliss. She's continuing to work on her baseball cap and is planning to start a pair of Zazie fingerless mitts in nine colors.
- k. Deb: the next phase of her Mandala Madness afghan, a circular crocheted afghan that uses 18 patterns and ends up covering a queen-sized bed and a bobbed crochet scarf.

X. **Business Meeting Adjournment:** Tammy adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Next meetings:

- Saturday Stitchers, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, Starbucks, 1520 W. Olive Ave., Burbank.
- TGI Fiber, 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, TGIFriday's, 19855 Rinaldi St., Porter Ranch.
- Yarn Club, 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, Panera, 132 E. Palm Ave., Burbank.
- Guild meeting: 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 24, 2016, Panera, 132 E. Palm Ave., Burbank.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette Hartman, Secretary